

## That's What The Man Said Things I Wish Jesus Hadn't Said

Mark 5:1-20

When Jesus Says "No"

Finish this sentence: I have a hard time saying no to.... (a person, a thing, a food, a situation, a temptation)

Read Mark 5:1-20

1. Using one word statements, describe what this man's life was like in the tombs.
2. Again, using one word statements, describe this man after Jesus healed him.
3. After Jesus healed him what one request did this man have? (v18)
4. The New International Version says the man begged Jesus. Describe that scene as you imagine it.
5. Why do you believe Jesus told the man no?
6. What are some reasons that God tells us no?
7. What mission did Jesus give the man instead?
8. How did the man respond?

*Leaders, this next question could evoke strong memories and emotions. Be prepared to be sensitive, allow people time and remember that the best response to tears is prayer. It would be great if you shared first and modeled openness and honesty and transparency.*

9. Have you ever begged God for something and his answer was no? Would you be willing to share that with the group? How have you seen God at work in the 'no'? What mission did he call you to?